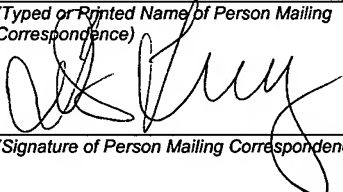


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Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 list of 13 references submitted for consideration.

— Legible copies of the listed references or their relevant portions.

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